

Chief Judge Kenneth B. Kramer
United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims

Chief Judge Kramer graduated with a B.A. from the University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois (1963), Phi Beta Kappa, Honors and High Distinction, and Distinguished ROTC Military Graduate, and with a J.D. from Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts (1966).

After graduation from law school, he held the following positions: Attorney, Kirkland and Ellis, Chicago, Illinois (1966); Captain, United States Army, Judge Advocate General's Corps (1967-1970); Associate, Lord, Bissell and Brook, Chicago, Illinois (1970); Deputy District Attorney, Fourth Judicial District, Colorado (1970-1972); Associate, Holme, Roberts and Owen, Colorado Springs, Colorado (1972-1974); Partner, Floyd, Kramer & Lambrecht, Colorado Springs, Colorado (1975-1978); State Representative, 18th Representative District, Colorado (1973-1978); U.S. Representative, 5th Congressional District, Colorado (1978-1986); Vice President, Aries Properties, Inc., Colorado Springs, Colorado (1987); and Assistant Secretary of the Army, Financial Management, Washington, D.C. (1988-1989).

He was appointed as a Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, Washington, D.C., in 1989 and became Chief Judge in 2000.

Chief Judge Kramer is a former Commissioner, National Commission on Uniform State Laws; former member of the Board of Visitors, United States Air Force Academy; and a founder and former Chair of the United States Space Foundation. He served from 1990 to 1994 as Chair of the Committee on Veterans' Benefits, Administrative Law Section, and American Bar Association. Chief Judge Kramer's awards include the Army Commendation Medal and the Army Distinguished Civilian Service Medal.